

REMARKS

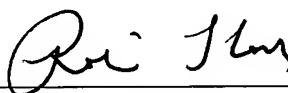
Entry of the present amendments prior to examination is respectfully requested. Claims may be found at least in the detailed description of the invention, especially the section of the disclosure pertaining to use of T1R2 in binding and functional assays, the sequence disclosures, and the original claims et seq. Favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Crowell & Moring, LLP, P.L.L.C., Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #100337.54289D2).

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